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33. A method according to Claim 19, wherein said gram negative bacterial species are selected from the group consisting of *Pasteurellaceae*; *Neisseria*; *Haemophilus*; *Salmonella*; and *Escherichia*.

34. A method according to Claim 28, wherein the bacterial infection is a meningococcal infection.--

Remarks

I. Support for the Amendments

Support for the foregoing amendments is replete throughout the specification. The amendments to claims 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, and 17 were made merely to change the claim dependencies. The amendment to claim 15 was made to correct an obvious typographical error. Amendments to claims 18-20 were made merely to put the claims in proper format for examination in the United States. Support for the amendments to claim 18 can be found in the specification from page 7, line 24, through page 8, line 13; and page 5, lines 11-27. Support for new claims 28-34 can be found in the specification at page 3, lines 21-29; page 5, lines 11-27, page 6, lines 2-11; page 8, lines 5-13; page 8, line 30, through page 9, line 7; and in Example 1, page 9, line 16, through page 13, line 19. Accordingly, the foregoing amendments are fully supported in the specification and claims as originally filed, and therefore do not add new matter. Their entry and consideration are therefore respectfully requested.

II. Status of the Claims

By the foregoing amendments, claims 3-5, 8, 9 and 13-20 have been amended, claims 21-27 have been cancelled and new claims 28-34 have been added. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments claims 1-20 and 28-34 are pending in the present application, with claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 28, 30, and 31 being the independent claims. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

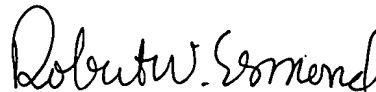
VII. Summary

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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